



ADVANCED EMT CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION

PURPOSE

To define requirements for the certification/recertification of an eligible individual as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) recognized in the State of California by the ICEMA Medical Director.

AUTHORITY

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.62, 1797.107, 1797.118, 1797.171, 1797.211 and 1797.218.

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapters 3 and 10.

California Penal Code, Sections 11075 and 11105.2.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for initial certification, an individual shall meet the following requirements:

1. Possess a current EMT certificate in the State of California; and
2. Possess an AEMT course completion record or other documented proof of successful completion of the topics contained in an approved AEMT training program.
3. Pass, by pre-established standards, the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certifying examination.

PROCEDURES

Initial Certification

1. Submit the appropriate ICEMA application with:
 - a. Current government issued photo identification.
 - b. Current EMT certificate issued in California.
 - c. Fee as set by ICEMA. Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

- d. Fee as set by Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) for Central Registry. **Payment must be either a money order or cashier check made payable to EMT Certification Fund.**
 - e. Sign affidavit that applicant is not precluded from certification for reasons defined in Section 1798.200 of the California Health and Safety Code and the following statement:

“I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that all information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that any falsification or omission of material facts may cause forfeiture on my part of all rights to Advanced EMT certification in the state of California. I understand all information on this application is subject to verification, and I hereby give my express permission for ICEMA to contact any person or agency for information related to my role and function as an Advanced EMT in California.”
 - f. Disclose any certification or licensure action taken against any health related license, EMT, AEMT, EMT-II certificate or paramedic (EMT-P) license. This includes any denial of certification by a local EMS agency, or in the case of an EMT-P, licensure denial/action by the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), active investigations and actions taken in other states.
2. Pass the NREMT AEMT written and skills examinations.
 3. Complete a criminal record clearance by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Refer to ICEMA Reference #1090 - Criminal History Background Checks (Live Scan).
 4. Comply with other reasonable requirements, as may be established by ICEMA.
 5. ICEMA must be notified of any changes in address during the certification period, within thirty (30) days.

Effective Dates

The effective date of certification shall be the date the individual satisfactorily completes all certification requirements and has applied for certification. Certification as an AEMT shall be valid for a maximum of two (2) years from the effective date of certification. The certification expiration date shall be the final day of the month of the two (2) year period.

Other Qualifying Categories for Initial Certification

1. An individual currently licensed in California as an EMT-P is deemed to be certified as an AEMT with no further testing required **EXCEPT** when the EMT-P license is under suspension. In the case of an EMT-P license under suspension, the EMT-P shall apply to ICEMA for AEMT initial certification.
2. An individual who possesses a current and valid NREMT - Intermediate registration certificate.
3. An individual who possesses a current and valid out of state NREMT - Intermediate or EMT-P license.
4. A Physician, Registered Nurse, or a Physician Assistant currently licensed by the State of California shall be eligible for AEMT certification upon:
 - a. Providing documentation that his/her training included the required course content contained in the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) National EMS Education Standards.
 - b. Successfully complete five (5) documented ALS contacts in a prehospital field internship.
 - c. Fulfill the requirements listed in "Initial Certification" section of this policy.
5. ICEMA may waive portions of, or all of, the certifying examination for individuals who are currently certified as an AEMT in California. In such situations, ICEMA shall issue a certificate, which shall have as its expiration date, a date not to exceed the expiration date on the individual's current certificate.

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Recertification/Renewal

In order to recertify, an AEMT shall:

1. Possess a current AEMT certification issued in California.
2. Obtain at least thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education hours (CEH) from an approved continuing education (CE) provider.
3. Complete Items 1 a. - f. of the "Initial Certification" section of this policy.
4. Submit a completed AEMT skills competency verification form, EMSA-AEMT.

Skills competency shall be verified by direct observation of an actual or simulated patient contact. Skills competency shall be verified by an individual who is currently certified or licensed as an AEMT, EMT-P, Registered Nurse, Physician Assistant, or Physician and who shall be designated as part of a skills competency verification process approved by ICEMA.

Effective Dates

If the AEMT recertification requirements are met within six (6) months prior to the expiration date, the effective date of certification shall be the date immediately following the expiration date of the current certificate. The certification expiration date will be the final day of the final month of the two (2) year period.

If the AEMT recertification requirements are met greater than six (6) months prior to the expiration date, the effective date of certification shall be the date the individual satisfactorily completes all certification requirements and has applied for certification. The certification expiration date shall not exceed two (2) years and shall be the final day of the final month of the two (2) year period.

Expiration While Deployed for Active Duty

An individual who is deployed for active duty with a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, whose AEMT certificate expires during the time the individual is on active duty or less than six (6) months from the date the individual is deactivated/released from active duty, may be given an extension of the expiration date of his/her AEMT certificate for up to six (6) months from the date of the individual's deactivation/release from active duty in order to meet the renewal requirements for his/her AEMT certificate upon compliance with the following provisions:

1. Provide documentation from the respective branch of the Armed Forces of the United States verifying the individual's dates of activation and deactivation/release from active duty.
2. If there is no lapse in certification, meet the requirements of "Recertification" section of this policy. If there is a lapse in certification, meet the requirements listed in the "Recertification After Lapse in Certification" section of this policy.
3. Provide documentation showing that the CE activities submitted for the certification renewal period were taken not earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the individual's AEMT certificate that was valid when he/she was activated for duty and not later than six (6) months from the date of deactivation/release from active duty.

For an individual whose active duty required him/her to use his/her AEMT skills, credit may be given for documented training that meets the requirements contained in ICEMA Reference #3030 - EMT Continuing Education Requirements while the individual was on active duty. The documentation shall include verification from the individual's Commanding Officer attesting to the classes attended.

Recertification After Lapse in Certification

The following requirements shall apply to an individual whose AEMT certification has lapsed to be eligible for recertification:

1. For a lapse of less than six (6) months, the individual shall comply with the requirements listed in "Recertification" section of this policy.
2. For a lapse of six (6) months or more, but less than twelve (12) months, the individual shall comply with the requirements listed in "Recertification" section of this policy, and complete an additional twelve (12) hours of continuing education for a total of forty-eight (48) hours of training.
3. For a lapse of twelve (12) months or more, but less than twenty-four (24) months, the individual shall comply with the requirements "Recertification" section of this policy, and complete an additional twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education for a total of sixty (60) hours of training. The individual shall also pass the written and skills certification exam as specified in Item 2 of the "Initial Certification" section of this policy.
4. For a lapse of greater than twenty-four (24) months, the individual shall complete an entire AEMT course and comply with all of the requirements listed in "Initial Certification" section of this policy.

Effective Dates

The effective date of certification shall be the date the individual satisfactorily completes all certification requirements and has applied for recertification. The certification expiration date shall be the final day of the month of the two (2) year period.

REFERENCES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
1090	Criminal History Background Checks (Live Scan)
3030	EMT Continuing Education Requirements